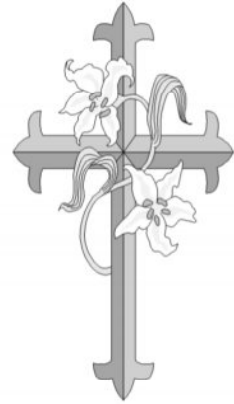


Easter Sunrise Service

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Gathering Song and Welcome!

Call to Worship

One: We come to this place,
seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

People: **Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ,
but surprise us with Resurrection power
in all the places of our lives!**

One: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart,
a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

People: **This story of "Alleluia!" means great joy
for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life
in all the places of our lives!**

One: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son,
resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

People: **Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives,
that we may know the truth
of resurrection for the rest of our lives!**

One: We join our hearts in song and sing
"Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!"
for Christ is living and so are we!

People: **Alleluia indeed!**

Invocation (unison)

We rejoice this morning, and exalt your name, O God. For you have raised our Lord, Jesus Christ from the dead. And with this resurrection you have fulfilled your promise of everlasting life and hope. Be present in our gathering, make yourself known to us, awakening our senses and save us with your steadfast love.

Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia.
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia.
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia.
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia.

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia.
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia.
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia.
Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia.

Soar we now, where Christ has led, Alleluia.
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia.
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia.
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia.

Scripture: John 20:1-9

Easter Sunrise Homily

Unison Prayer

- Women:** Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty; you gave birth to all that we know.
- Men:** Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.
- Women:** Early in the morning, voices in a guarded graveyard proclaimed that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten and denied you.
- Men:** Early this morning, we gather to celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us.
- All:** Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired.
New love, where we have turned hard-hearted.
Forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded.
And the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit,
where we are prisoners of ourselves.
Amen.

Collection of the Offering

Hymn: "Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
I danced in the Moon and the Stars and the Sun,
I came down from Heaven and I danced on Earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

**Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!**

I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body & they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance & I still go on.

Refrain:

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the Life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

Refrain:

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Musical Meditation: Terry Balough on the Lakota flute

Benediction

*Our offering today will be dedicated to One Great Hour of Sharing
and the Shoreline Soup Kitchen*

We thank Terry Balough for her gift of music.

